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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF YEMENI PRIME MINISTER: WASHINGTON
APPOINTMENTS

RRFS: A) SANA 3689; B) STATE 197682; C) SANA 3896

1. THIS IS INTERIM REPLY TO REFS A AND C WHILE PROPOSALS
AND OBSERVATIONS CONTAINED REF C ARE FURTHER EXPLORED.

2. SECRETARY'S OFFICE HAS CONFIRMED THAT HE WILL NOT BE
IN WASHINGTON DURING PERIOD OF ABD AL-GHANI'S AND FOREIGN
MINISTER'S VISIT TO CAPITAL AND UNFORTUNATELY WILL BE
UNABLE TO SEE THEM. WE ARE SEEKING APPT WITH DEPUTY
SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER.

3. NEA ASSISTANT SECRETARY SAUNDERS WILL BE ON LEAVE IN
LATTER HALF OF AUGUST AND WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE. NEA
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND FORMER AMBASSADOR TO YAR
CRAWFORD, IN PERSONAL CAPACITY AS OLD FRIEND, WOULD LIKE
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TO INVITE ABD AL-GHANI AND ASNAJ FOR PRIVATE LUNCH OR
SUPPER DURING THEIR STAY IN WASHINGTON. WOULD APPRECIATE
EMBASSY'S PASSING ON THIS INVITATION.

4. PLEASE INFORM VISITORS THAT AMBASSADOR TWINAM REGRETS

THAT HE WILL BE OUT OF TOWN ON LEAVE STATUS DURING THEIR

VISIT HERE. AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE LANE IS ARRANGING HIS
SCHEDULE IN ORDER TO BE IN WASHINGTON AT THAT TIME AND
LOOKS FORWARD TO MAKING ACQUAINTANCE OF PRIME MINISTER
AND FOREIGN MINISTER PRIOR TO HIS ARRIVAL IN SANA. CHRISTOPHER

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